

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Int'l Application No

PCT/EP 02/08495

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

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The International Searching Authority has determined that this international application contains more than one invention or group of inventions, namely

1. Claims 1, 2-19 and 22-28

a medical instrument having two parts that are rotatively mounted on a pin with an attached cap.

2. Claims 1, 20-21 and 29

a medical instrument having two parts whose relative transverse movement is blocked by an integral hinge and that are rotatively connected by a separate pin on the second of the two parts in a corresponding pin recess in the first of the two parts.

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